(vi) STC/Jute industry consortium arrangement on 50:50 loss-sharing basis for export of CBC to North America and grant of liberal rate of CCs on almost all exportable items of jute goods from 1.4.89 for a period of 3 years upto 31-3-92 admissible to both manufacturer and merchant exporters; and

(vii) ten weeks' raw jute stock control order for regulating prices and pemission for duty-free import of raw jute against export of jute goods under Advance Licensing Scheme.

World Bank Aid for India

1984. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what amount of aid has been approved for India by the World Bank for the financial year 1989-90;

(b) how does this amount compare with the amounts sanctioned by the World Bank during the last two years;

(c) whether the World Bank has earmarked any developmental projects in India for utilising the sanctioned aid for the current year; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) At the Aid India Consortium meeting held in June, 1989 the World Bank has indicated that the commitment to India for the fiscal year 1990, i.e. from 1st July 1989 to 30th June, 1990 would be US $ 2.9 billion. The likely commitments indicated at consortium meetings for the fiscal years 1988 and 1989 were $ 2.5 billion and $ 2.7 billion respectively. In each of these years, actual commitments were higher, at $ 2.97 billion and $ 3.04 billion respectively.

(c) and (d) As in the previous years, the Bank group assistance would be linked to specific project investments. The details of such projects and the sectoral composition of the Bank assistance is at present indeterminate since this would depend upon the status of projects preparation and processing.

Visit of an Indian Delegation to Jordan

1985. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indian delegation headed by the President of FICCI visited Jordan recently and had a meeting with the members of Amman Chamber of Commerce and Industry;

(b) if so, what was the agenda for the meeting and what was the outcome thereof; and

(c) whether setting up of any joint venture was agreed upon and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The agenda for the meeting included scope for co-operation between India and Jordan with the object of identifying specific areas of co-operation.

(c) The possibility of joint ventures in the field of petrochemicals, readymade garments etc., were identified. The details will be worked out by the parties concerned.

Imposition of Ban on the Sale of Ivory and Ivory Products in Kerala

1986. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATTUN:

SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that ivory and ivory products worth over rupees